J. J. Douglass Co. vs. Sparks.

Opinions Handed Down in Open Session.

TAX TITLE CASE DECIDED

Undeeded Townsite Property is Held Liable

UNDER TERRITORY LAWS

Many Other Decisions Handed Down .. District Court Assignments,

Guthrie, O. T., Feb. 18 - (Special)-The territorial supreme court met in open session this morning, handed down a number of opinions, assigned the terms of court for the different judicial districts, with the exception of the Fourth district and then adjourned sine die.

The most important of the opinions rendered is that in the suit brought to test the right of the territory to tax undeeded town site lots. The opinion was prepared by Associate Justice Bierer and is concurred in by the court, Tarnsey dissenting, and Kenton, the trial judge, not sitting in the case.

Action was brought by the Topeka Commercial Security company against the dethe property being disputed, the board of D. Hummer of Perry, who is here asso-county commissioners of Oklahoma coun-clated with Webster Davis at the interplaintiffs appealed. In its syllabus the

vides for the taxation of lots not deeded. property which an occupant of a lot upon a government townsite in this territory has in the lot and its improvements, after entry of the land at the government land office, and its segregation from the territory 'shall be imposed on the property of the United States,' and such property is subject to taxation under the rial law, and the holder of a validtax deed, transferring to him the property in judgment of delinquent taxes levied such lot, holds title paramount to that granted the heirs of the occupant whose property has been sold and con-Veyed for taxes.

The list of opinions rendered by the ours and cases still remaining on the he has made an exceptionally capable docket undisputed of is as follows:

OPINIONS BY DALE. Cox vs. Territory, appeal from Beaver

Black vs. Jackson, appeal from Kay

Potts vs. Hollon, appeal from Kay coun-Winana vs. Beidler, appeal from Okla-

homa county; affirmed. Outcalt vs. Collier, appeal from Oklahoma county; affirmed.

Weekes vs. Merkle, appeal from Cleve-OFINIONS BY TARSNEY.

The Symne Grocer Co. vs. Burnham, Hanna, Munger & Co., appeal from Oklahome county; affirmed. Olson vs. Thompson, appeal from Can-

a lish county; appealed on rehearing. Johnson vs. Hays, appeal from Garfield Brook .s. Rayless, appeal from Kay

Guthrie National bank vs. Gill, appeal from Logan county; reversed. Sweet vs. Boyd, appeal from Greer coun-

OPINIONS BY KEATON. Gilbert vs. Stephens, appeal from Can-

A and M. College vs. Willis & Bradford, appeal from Payne county; reversed, Renfrow vs. Grimes, appeal from Woodward county; affirmed. Belcher vs. Whitlock, appeal from Can-

adian county; affirmed. A .O. U. W. Lodge cases, appeal from Payne county; affirmed.

Hutchison vs. Cannon, appeal from Can-OPINIONS BY BIERER. Dunn vs. Drummond, appeal from Gar-

field county; order of review reinstated. Blanchard vs. United States, appeal from Oklahoma county; dismissed. Harvey vs. Logan county, appeal from Legan county, affirmed.

Swops vs. Burnham, Hanna, Munger & Co. appeal from Payne county; af-Joy vs. Zeissness, appeal from Logar

county; affirmed. Collins vs. Overton, appeal from Green Prick vs. Raynolds, appeal from Okla-

homa county; reversed. Pherson, appeal from Oklahoma county;

UNDISPOSED OF.

The following cases remain on the su-preme court docket undisposed of: Law vs. United States. Goodrich vs. Williamson

Rawkins vs. Overstreet.

Williamson vs. Oklahoma National

Smith vs. Phillips Dix vs. Smith

Beall vs. Mutual Life Insurance Co. Garst vs. Love & Wood

Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railwny vs. Groves & Ballinger. Atchison: Topeka and Santa Fe Rail

Choctaw Railroad company vs. Alex

Mitchell vs. Territory.

McClure vs. Johnson. Stark vs. Duvall. Stark vs. Enslow DISTRICT COURT ASSIGNMENTS. Following are the district court asdgnments:

City of Guthrie vs. Shaffer,

First judicial district, Burford, judge-Guthrie, Logan county, third Monday in February; Chandler, Lincoln ciunty, third Tuesday in April.

Stillwater, Payne county, first Tuesday

Woodward, Woodward county, fourth Tuesday in May. Second judicial district, Tarsney, judge -Taloga, D county, first Monday in

Arapahoe, Custer county, fourth Thursday in March.

El Reno, Canadian county, first Mon-Third judicial district, Keaton, judge-

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma county, third Monday in February. Tecumseh, Pottawatomie county, fourth

Monday in March. Norman, Cleveland county, fourth Monday in April.

Mangum, Greer county, third Tuesday in May.

Fifth judicial district, McAtee, judge-Enid, Garfield county, third Monday in February. Kingfisher, Kingfisher county, second

Monday in March. Pond Creek, Grant county, fourth Monday in April. Alva, Woods county, third Monday in

May. No court term assignments were made for the Fourth judicial district.

HARN FOR DISTRICT CLERK Mark Hanna is Credited With His

Appointment,
Guthrie, O. T., Feb. 18.—(Special)—A Washington special to the Daily Leader "Judge Hainer today announced that he

had decided to appoint W. F. Harn, of fendants, as heirs-at-law of Samuel Mc- Oklahoma City, to be clerk of the fed-Pherson, deceased, to recover lot 29, block eral court in the Perry district. Harn's ble loss of life and to expressions of symtitie under a tax deed. The right to tax prise, as it has been understood that F.

"It certainly was a very kind thought ty was made defendant. Judgment was for department, had, through Davis' inawarded Mrs. J. P. McPherson and the fluence, been rejected for the place. Humother heirs, quieting their title and de- mer's appointment was decided upon, and thring the tax deed void, and in favor he would have been named had not Mark of the security company for taxes paid. Hunna taxen a hand in the contest. Harn interest. From this judgment the was a candidate for natishal of Oklahoma, but was turned down for C. H. Thompson, When Thompson was appointed Hanna is said to have promised to get Hern a place, and his appointment to be clerk which is held to designate that species of the federal court is the result of this arrangement.

Hummer's friends here are feeling a great deal of chagrin over Harn's selection, and there are intimations of political treachery. When the correspondent the public domain, is not in violation of interviewed Hummer he stated that he those parts of the organic act of this was still a candidate for one of the federal danger from submarine mines or torpeterritory which provide that no law of court clerkships, and that he expected to be appointed.

The understanding among Oklahoma from him or from anybody else. politicians in Washington now is that Judgo Tarsney, of the Kingfisher district, whose term will expire on next Saturday, will be permitted to serve probably until 1.99. He is a gold Democrat, and there is apparently no disposition on the part of the Republican leaders to remove him, as officer.

BANQUET AT KINGFISHER In Celebration of the Achievemen

Kingfisher, O. T., Feb. 18.—(Special)— The Kingfisher college banquet, held at the Hotel Kingfisher, was a grand affair. were eloquent and to the point and were eived with great applause.

was toastmaster. He opened the exerman's" Mrs. J. V. Admire: "From a Bus-"The Duty of the Hour," Hon. F. L. Boyn-

ney of Kingfisher county, was substituted

Instead of Judge Robberts, who was also absent, Mr. M. T. Betton of Kansas City, Mo., state agent for Kausas and Oklahoma of the Odd Fellows Fraternal Benefit association, by request, read a quaint and appropriate bit of dialect hyme. Mr. Betton gave also a recitation om one of James Whitcomb Riley's Prose Stories.

The people came, listened, talked college, thought college, and went to their its value and their responsibility for its mg life than ever before.

Vocal and instrumental music was furnished by the college Glee club.

ON THE MIDDLE DIVISION sale to Satisfy the Government's

Lien is Effected. Topeka, Kan., Feb. 18 -- A special to the Capital from Salina says:

rision of the Kansas Pacific railroad in Kansas was sold in this city this morn-Krech and Winslow S. Pierce, represent-\$5,300,000. There was no competition at the sale. Mr. Krech was the only bidder

Oklahoma Construction Company. incorporation to the Oklahoma Construc- British ship Victoria was draped at the tion company, of Blackwell, O. T. The World's fair, Secretary Long did not aprailroads, electric light and gas plants, water works, telegraph and telephone But he gave his assent to lowering the stock is \$10,000 and the board of directors stars and stripes flying from the stern. is composed of J. L. White, W. P. Hard- the Maine's miniature counterpart were all of Blackwell, and D. E. Trim of Guth-

Miss Sthel Kendal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kendal, the well known English acpekn Paper company vs. Oklahoma the stage. She will probably appear shortly at Proctor's Pleasure Palace.

Secretary of the Navy Admits the truth of which cannot be doubted and which points to the deliberate destruction which points to the deliberate destruction. Nothing Warlike.

PUBLICITY IS THE POLICY

Department is Giving Out all Its Dispatches.

Washington, Feb. 18 .- The feature of the day at the navy department was the large was thrown to the deck stunned and number of rumors of a warlike tendency. that came to the attention of the officials the Maine he saw the steam launch which as requiring attention, and, in every case, contradiction. So formidable had grown the list that at the close of office hours Secretary Long was induced to make the following statement as the easiest man- and which sent her to the bottom. ner of disposing at one time of all these stories.

"Really no information has been received, since Captain Sigsbee's first dispatch, adding anything to our knowledge of the disaster. All we know is that the Maine speculation of all sorts, but no conclusion can be arrived at until an examination facts obtained. It is a simple fact to say that such a thing might happen by design there is no indication of design. Therefore, my impression has been all along. and I rather think the general opinion preponderates in the same direction, this It must have been accidental.

"At the cabinet meeting today the mat ter was not discussed, except as any body of me ntalk about an event of that kind,

"It certainly was a very kind though in the president to send flowers to the families of Captain Sigsbee, of the executive officer. Wainwright, and of the lost seamen whose residences are in Wash

"You may say absolutely that there ha been no secret cablnet meeting; that no meeting has taken place in the cabinet that the public have not been informed about; that the whole policy of this department has been to give the public all the dispatches; that the department has no more knowledge on the subject of the cause of the disaster, or even of the circumstances attending it, than have the public: and that the report which was to the effect that Captain Sigsbee had warned the department that the Maine was in does is utterly without foundation, such report ever having been received

"WILD RUMORS" DENIED. The secretary also denied briefly and comprehensively wild numors that he had to guard the Vizcaya and that he had selected Constructor Bowles to go to Havana and raise the Maine. The last work he hasmade an exceptionally capable of the day for him was to consult the panies, who will probably have charge of

ALL CONFIDENCE IN SIGSBEE The secretary, when asked what wa Fully 150 guests partook of the festivities. of Captain Sigsbee in the trying situation "I think I express the feeling of the president, as well as my own, when I Rev. J. H. Parker, pastor of the Con-gregational church, offered prayer. Hon. J. C. Smith, cashier of the People's bank, He was the last to leave his ship when cises of the evening with a brief address night was so complete that, since then and then introduced the Hon. Amos A. I have thought of no question of fact to ask him which is essential to the situation which the following toasts were rendered:

"The could answer that is not because the could answer that is not the could answer that it is not the could answer the could answer that it is not the could answer that it is not the could answer that it is not the could answer the c

which the following toasts were rendered:
"Friends at Home." Judge J. C. Robberts:
"The Mighty Dollar." J. P. Brough, Esq.:
"Our School," Miss Minnie Davis: "Piomeers of Education in Oklahoma." Rev.
L. H. Parker: "Educational Needs of Ch. neers of Education in Oklahoma." Rev.

I. H. Parker: "Educational Needs of Oklahoma." Rev.

In front of the Albisu Spearre, on Reina a naval officer to lose his ship, so that I with confidence further reports." INQUIRIES FOR FRIENDS.

that their remains be brought back to the United States for interment. Among them were queries from the friends of the Tarman and McManus, a marine, are two officers, Merritt and Jenkins. The divers materials evening picked up. ficers' hodies have not been found; that ering the bodies of the dead. as to many others identification is not

While no decision has yet been reached formally upon the application of the examine the wreck of the Maine to ascer-tain the cause of the explosion, the offias one that could not properly be refused make an investigation of this character

THE MODEL OF THE MAINE The miniature United States flag on the model of the battleship Maine, in the main corridor of the navy departme was lowered to half-mast during the day by direction of the seretary of the mavy. The handsome model has been a cents ment within recent days, and the several flafs have continued to fly at the mastandition of the Maine. A movement was started today to drape the model in mourn prove of this, however, as it suggested an estantation not fitting the droumstances

WHAT A MAIMED SAILOR SAW Something That Might Have Been

Torpedo Just Before the Wreck. New York, Feb. 18.-The Herald this morning printed the following from its

one of the maimed sailors who was taken to the marine hospital, out of gratitude for the kind treatment and careful nursing received from the surgeons and attendants, had broken the seal of allence enjoined by his superior officers before

age This Morning. name for obvious reasons is withheld for the present, says he was on watch on the

He suspected something wrong and started to communicate the fact to the officer of the day when the explosion took

The Maine was raised in the sir and he He also says that simultaneously with

leaving Havana and makes a statemer

forward deck shortly before the explo-

Maine's bow into the dark waters of the

bay he saw a black object slowly coming

toward the vessel. The object, whatever

t was, was apparently illuminated and

tion of the vessel. The sailor,

emitted smoke.

was moored alongside the Maine, thrown out of the water. This occurred before the second explo-

sion in the Maine's magazine was felt. saw a small object emitting smoke approaching the warship just before the explosion, the correspondent of the Assoclated Press has interviewed the man in the hospital who is said to have circu- morrow morning the Vincaya will come There is abundant room for lated the report and has had from him an up to the anchorage selected for her in

absolute denial. Lieutenant Blandin, officer of the deck has been made by the divers and more at the time of the explosion, and Lieutenant Hobd, who was with him, both positively deny that such a story could or it might happen by accident. As yet have any foundation unless it was the smoke of the City of Washington that misted some or

> THOSE WHO COUNSEL WAR Let Spain be Found Guilty and Then

Thoroughly Punished. New York, Feb. 18.-The Rev. Minot J. Sage, of the Church of the Messiah, responding to a toast at the banquet of the Pulp and Paper Manufacturers last night,

"As one thinks of the sad disaster that has befallen the Maine in the harbor of Havana, he can but wonder at the paence of the people of the United States. We have been thrilled and stirred by the massacre of the Armenians and one here it our door has been worse, but we have had patience. I do not advocate war and I would like to see the day when all affairs could be settled by arbitration, but the limity of patience and humanity may

"Let us be ready to stand up for freedom and manhood, upon which the coun try rests. We ought to have dignity and power with every country. We should have a navy. If we cannot build one rapfilly enough let us find where they have one for sale. Let us buy one and then dure to assert our will."

and cheering. Chatanooga, Tenn., Feb. 18.-Judge D. M. Kek of thice ity, postmaster general in President Hayes's cabinet, and ex-'nited States judge, expresses himself

Dr. Savage's words caused intese en-

trongly on the disaster to the Maine. He is quoted literally as follows: "If this cataastrophe can be traced to any Spanish officials or any subjects United States should demand indemnity At night it is intended to keep the Viscaya both of them to work together, so as to and any necessary measures to sollect brillantly illuminated with electric lights.

CONCENTRADOES REFUSED

Wouldn't Let Them.

from the unfortunate concentradoes ex- Spanish had anchored off Sandy Hook

by that time been increased by some 5,000 During the day the department was in not reach the cometery until after 6 p. m. There the religious ceremonies were different parts of the country asking in presided over by Bishop Manuel Sautanbehalf of relatives of the dead sailors der and Rev. Father Chadwick, chaplain

The men searching for bodies have re possible, and throwing great doubt upon the practicability of taking any of the remains away from Havana.

SPAIN WANTS TO HELP.

While no decision has yet been reached

Washington, Feb. 18.—The many department of the properties of the properties

compiled the following summary disaster from available official informaon up to midnight: "Total officers and men on board, 250

whose lives have been saved but who can not be identified at present on account The H appearing as injured are in

cluded in the IS appearing as saved.

Two men reported as having died in
the hespital are included in the total of 26 apearing above as having been lost." Grimes Starts For Washington.

house, left at 6 p. m. today for that city Salvation Army For Nurses.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 18.-General Boot eral Booth said that if there came a war would ored the Salvation Army in Ameriis to go to the front as nurses.

The appointment of Count Cassini, as ambassador to the United States instead

Will be Escorted to Anchor-

orward deck shortly before the explo-ion occurred. While looking over the STRONG POLICE PATROL

To Keep Watch in Her Vicinity Day and Night.

New York, Feb. 18.-The Spanish armored cruiser Vizcaya is in New York waters. She dropped her big anchors five miles south of Sandy Hoock lightship at 5:30 p. m., after a thirteen days' voyage from the Canary islands. When her offi cers and men learned the startling news of the disaster to the American battle ship Maine in Havana harbor, and of the Key West, Fig., Feb. 18.-As regards the downfall of former Minister De Lome. story that one of the crew of the Maine they broke into a wild uproar of talk. For a couple of minutes all discipline on the great warship seemed to vanish to the winds. Men rushed below to tell their comrades in the lower decks. Early tothe upper bay.

> New York, Fab. 18.-Rear Admiral Bunce has given final instructions to Lieutenant John A. Dougherty, who will have charge of the patrol tugs, six in number, to guard the Spanish cruiser Vizcaya during her stay in this vicinity. Lieutenant Dougherty will make his headquarters on the navy yard fug Nina, and the other tug from the navy yard, the Marietta will be used principally as a dispatch boat, currying messages between the navy

yard and the guard boat. Lieutenant Dougherty will have entire charge of the patrol, which will consist, esides the two tugs mentioned, of two tugs of the supervisor of the harbor and catastrophe will make them closer, if postwo police patrol boats. The watches will be devided between the six boats two to be on duty on each turn. Each boat is to have on board, while on watch, tour marines and one non-commissioned officer of marines, a roundsman and four leemen of the Metropolitan force.

While on duty the boats are to patrol carefully the waters in the vicinity of the visiting Spanlard, and no boat or person will be allowed to approach the Vizcaya without the sanction of the commanding officer of that vessel. The Nina will be always within call of

As soon as the Vizaya drops anchor in the upper bay, or in the North river, Lieutenant Dougherty, in full uniform, and representing Rear Admiral Bunce, ommandant of the navy yard, New York, will board the cruiser and convey the thusiasm, the guestst rising to their feet usual courtesies extended foreign vessels of war entering an American port, and

will also explain what the patrol is there Lieutenant Dougherty has had the fires banked in his boat for tonight, and early in the morning will take her to Pier A.

North river, for the police escort. Lieutenant Neville, of the marine corps will be in charge of the thirty-six marines claiming allegiance to Spain I think the who will be quartered on board the Nina. without delay. No dilatory tactics should and the watch boats will be also lighted. master of this so that there can be no possible means of It was stated tonight that the Vizcaya would come up the bay early tomorrow for the disaster and will not rest until morning. In passing up the bay she will they get it. The time has come for de- be saluted by Forts Hamilton and Wadsworth. She will steam to a point off Tompkinsville, where she will drop anchor. This, it is said, was considered the best place for the boat to anchor, as she will be freer from encreachments of

small boats there than elsewhere. Captain Smith was informed by Admiral Bunce at 8 o'clock tonight that the and that at sunrise tomorrow morning the neet of government and police patrol boats would steam down the bay to escort

Applications for leave to accompany the been refused all persons except newspaper

they had come from the Spanish consul ate, one of them whom spoke Spanish fluently, presented letters of introduction to Captain Smith and asked permission to go down with the fleet. They were referred to Chief McCullach, who afterwards telephoned that he had given them

permission to go down. persons abourd the Vizcaya, but neither they nor any one at the office of Consul Baldezano would say what their mission

IN THE SOUND OF MOURNING Spain's Voice is Lifted Highest and Strongest.

eral ceremonies yesteriay the city has rework of succoring the living and caring for the dead proceeds unremittingly. Ev-

per and Consul General Lee. The mea-sages received from Spain and the United ment tenight received the following mea-States about the collection of the co States showing that the action of the sage from Captain Sigehee at Havana Havana authorities is appreciated give - With General Lee and Cowles and Havana authorities is appreciated give

of minister, is gasetted at St. Petersburg. president. The message was brief and fair,

WICHITA, KANSAS, SATURDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 19, 1898 The Wichita Baily Engle.

Wichita, Saturday, February 19, 1898 Weather For Wichita Today:

Snow or rain; warmer; east Sun -- Rises, 6:45; Sets 5;41 Moon-Rises 5:56

IMPORTANT NEWS OF TODAY

1. Oklahoma Supreme Court Navy Department Denies War Warship Vizcaya Has Arrived Mason's Red-Hot Maine Speech

3. Prices of Staples Advance Stock Market Goes Lower

5. Wichita Will Play Ball How the Crops Fall Off School and Home to be Started

6. Zola, Esterhazy and the Mob

S. Points of Modern Hygiene Of Horses and Horsemen Latest of Fashion Hints

ueen and her people.

New York, Feb. 18.-The Madrid corredent of the World sends the following authorized statement by Prime Minister Sagasta:

prised by the catatrophe to the Maine-It is felt doubly because the sad occurrence took place in our waters. "You may have noticed how general and incere has been the friendly attitude of

ate catatrophe. I feel confiends that this and the equally friendly conduct of the to convince America that we sympathize with her mourning for the gallant crew and officials of the Maine. "Indeed, I do not apprehnd any trouble

sible, and cement them with symputhy. DIVERS AND INVESTIGATORS Spain Claims the Right to Inspect the

In our relations with America. I am firm-

ly persuaded that this purely acidental

Maine's Hull, Madrid, Feb. 18.—The newspapers here are urging the government to adopt great precautions when the American divers arrive and not to allow them to descend alone and examine the Maine, "as divers sent by private persons might be bribed to report at variance with the actual facts and might even do something to the of their reports." Here it is thought, or even those sent officially by the United States government, if they are unaccompanied by Spanish divers. The newspapers here fear serious trouble unless strict supervision is exchanged and they claim to foresee the necessity for employing divers of a third nation to arbitrate in the event of a disagreement be-

The whole press enjoins the most rigorous supervision of the wreck of the

Havana, Feb. 18 -On the night of the ing joint resolution the wreck so as to prevent any one from views of a wrecking company or companies are allowed to get near the wreak. Cupfor the purpose of recovering the remains
tain Signboo himself, going in the early of the officers and men lost on the United obliged to return and get a formal permit

divers sent here by American newspapers finished his official investigation. This wright, Lieutenant Holman and Chief Engineer Howell went with divers to search for the bodies of Lloutenant Jenkins and Assistant Engineer Merritt, but the guards would not allow them to make sulate and lodged a formal complaint with steps should be taken immediately to re-Consul General Lee. However, the agreement reached between Captain Signles my divers, even the divers sent here by I equipment as may be practicable inside the wreck, though any diver up- able that as she is within the pro-

The tug G. W. Childs has arrived.

n the sir above the wreck. wright, Lieutenant Holman and Chief Engineere Howell Cuptain Signles went on board the wreck this morning. The big cat that was a pet of the Maine's crew and that was found yesterday on the wrock, so much frightened that if apparently had not moved from its hiding place, it now on board the Peru. The aptain's dig. Peggy, was also saved. The

of civil and military branches of the gov-ernment and returned thanks for great The feeling of the comunity is that so-cial functions would be out of place at a time such of mourning and these will be suspended for the present. Statements from Madrid and Washington published here to teh effect that many people in the United States believe that the explo-

sion was accidental coincide with the opinions held by the Spanish officials, and the excitement which followed the disaster has subsided into quiet waiting.

Washington. Feb. 18.—President Me-Kinley today received Senor Du Bose, charge d'affaires of Spain, who had been commanded by the queen regent of Spain. to bear in person to the president her ex- der the harlor regulations of any civilizes pression of profused sorrow over the ca-lamity to the Maine. Being a communi-cation of o ruler of one country to another, the usual intermediary of the state department was waived, and accompanied department was waived, and accompanied by Assistant Secretary Day, Senor Do Bose went to the White House at all o'clock and delivered the message to the creation. The message was brief and

Kan Illatorical Society

Nobody Can Keep Him From Firing His Broadside.

'MANANA" IS THE WORD

Besides Which, the Navy is Not to be Depended on.

MADE SULTRY

Debate is on the Resolution to Investigate the Maine. Battleship to be Raised,

Washington, Feb. 18.-A debate, decided in its sensations, was unexpectedly precipitated in the senate today over the onsideration of the resolution of Mr. Alen (Neb.) directing the committee on naval affairs to investigate the disaster to the Maine. An arrangement had been made for its adoption, with a amendment, without debate. Mr. Mason (III.) however, proposed a substitute providing for an investigation to be conducted by a joint committee of the two branches of congress. Upon this the liftols senator, disregarding an appeal not o force a discussion of this tin melancholy an affair, delivered a speech which he said that the people demanded the truth concerning the explosion, and leclared that they would not be satisfied with the investigations to be conducted by the officers of the navy, who would irtually try their own case and would ver up any blame that the officials might show attached to them. counced the policy of the government dealing with the Coban question, into hat the United States had adopted the policy of Spain in putting everything off Mason's charges were made by Mr. Welcott (Colo.) and Mr. Lodge (Mass.). The speeches of both senators bristled with utting criticisms of the remarks by the senator from Illinois, and it was clear that both senators regarded the situation as grave in the extreme. Senator Wolcott frankly admitted that war might ome, and that he thought that the day might not be far distant. However, like Senator Lodge, he deprecated any utterances on the floor of the scrate calculat. ed to further aggrieve a serious state of

seion finally went to the calen-Washington, Feb. 18. Scion after the senate met today Mr. Hale (Maine) ob-

affairs. The resolution which precipitated

tained the floor and introduced the followdisaster Captain Sigsbee requested Ad- That the secretary of the navy be and miral Manterola to station boats around he is hereby authorized to engage the ser-"That the secretary of the navy be and approaching it williont official leave. As having proper facilities for the prompt and a result only those with special permits efficient performance of submarine work ing to the scene of the disaster, was States steamer Maine and of saving the fittings and appurtances as may be gracleable; and for this purpose the work of

> SECRETARY LONG'S LETTER. The resolution was prepared at the navy department and introduced at the request of Secretary Long, who, in forwarding ing its ourpose. He says in this letter than

cover the remains of the officers and mem

lost on the occasion of the most deploy-

an commander is to be allowed to use to save such parts of her affinement and nvestigation. Captain Sigsbee and the gre information received respecting the ommander of the Fern, accompanied by mature and extent of the injury sustained which it was decided that the American there is reason to hope that the vessel press divers should not be allowed to an hermif may be raised; but it seems probcentred by Captain Sigshes is to have of a harbor and is not wholly submerged full liberty of movement. The govern- that much valuable property may be re-ment has wired to Washington request- expected if the necessary action is taken ing permission for Spanish official divers without delay. The vessel, with her to examine the wreck outside and inside. stores, guns, makertal equipment, fittings and opportuness cost appearmately \$1.0 A revolting incident of the day has 200 mm. As an illustration of the value of been the presence of vultures wheeling single items which may have excepted sermay be done, the hodies of the officers and t is believed that much reliable property

> asked for the department was at this he said he had conferrie with the bureau

The secretary enclosed a table showing

RESOLUTION PASSED Mr. Allen thought it very desirable that provision be inserted in the resolution for the transportation and burial of the

Mr. Halo called attention to the fart secretary of the navy. In many case to this country the remains of the men-allied, as the bodies were so badly multi-